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1. MIDDLE EAST.

(A) THE CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES REPORTS FROM CAIRO WHICH CITE SOME OF THE ELEMENTS OF A NEW SINAI AGREEMENT WHICH HAVE SO FAR BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE WESTERN PRESS. QUOTING OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT SOURCES, THE REPORTS INCLUDE THE PROVISION CONCERNING THE STATIONING OF AMERICAN SPECIALISTS IN THE MONQ TORING SITES.

(B) FROM THE LIMA CONFERENCE, PRAVDA QUOTES THE WALDHEIM LETTER WHICH SAYS THE BASIC QUESTIONS, INCLUDING RECOGNITION OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS, REMAIN UNRESOLVED. ALSO FROM LIMA, PRAVDA REPORTS THAT SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM SAID THE ME IS NOT ANY CLOSER TO PEACE BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, CERTAIN DEVELOPMENTS REPRESENT STEPS TOWARD A NEW WAR. KHADDAM REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE APPEARED AN EXCELLENT FORMULA FOR SOLVING THE PROBLEM, BUT THE CONFERENCE WAS DELAYED BY ISRAEL AND ITS BACKERS WHO KNEW THE MEETING WOULD CALL FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

(C) PRAVDA CITES AN ARTICLE FROM THE RABAT NEWSPAPER "OPINION" WHICH SAYS A NEW SINAI AGREEMENT REPRESENTS "ABOVE ALL" A THREAT TO THE ARAB SOLIDARITY ACHIEVED AT LAST YEAR'S RABAT SUMMIT.

(D) PRAVDA QUOTES A WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE WHICH SAYS IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE SENATE, FEARING A "SECOND VIETNAM," WILL QUICKLY APPROVE A PLAN TO STATION AMERICANS IN THE SINAI.

2. PORTUGAL. CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES EXTENSIVE TASS REPORT ON AUGUST 27 FUP DEMONSTRATION IN CAPITAL FOR WHICH TASS CLAIMS OVER 100,000 PARTICIPANTS REPORT REPLAYS EXCERPTS FROM GONCALVES SPEECH EMPHASIZING "THREAT" TO REVOLUTION IS EXTRENAL AS WELL AS INTERNAL; THAT STRUGGLE HAS SHARP CLASS NATURE AND THAT POLITICAL AUTHORITY SHOULD BE ENTRUSTED TO A REVOLUTIONARY AVANT-GARDE. COSTA GOMES' SPEECH ON OTHER HAND PORTRAYED FUP AS EXAMPLE OF UNITY WHICH COULD HAVE NATIOANL SCOPE ONLY ON UNCLASSIFIED

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BASIS OF COMMON PLATFORM WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALL POLITICAL FORCES. SIGNED COMMENTARY IN IZVESTIYA (KOVALEV) CONSISTS OF LENGTHY ATTACK ON PSP LEADERSHIP AND GROUP OF NINE. ARTICLE PORTRAYS PRESENT POSITION OF "PROGRESSIVE FORCES" IN OPTIMISITIC COLORES, BEMOANING ONLY THE CRACKDOWN ON J-5 AND "WAR OF NERVES" BEING WAGED IN PRESS. KOVALEV SAYS THAT FOREIGN PRESS CAMPAIGN CREATING INSTABILITY, AND DRAWS PARALLEL WITH PRESS ATTITUDE IN CHILE PRIOR

TO ALLENDE DOWNFALL.

3. ASIA. PRAVDA REPORTS INDIAN COMMUNIST PARTY NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING IN DELHI PASSED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CREATION OF ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM WHICH WOULD COUNTER "PLOTS BY IMPERIALIST REACTIONARY FORCES, FASCISM, AND NEO-FASCISM" AIMED AT DESTROYING INDIAN INDEPENDENCE. PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS THAT SOVIET DELEGATION HEADED BY SOLOMENTSEV NOW IN HANOI PASSED MESSAGE OF GREETING FROM SOVIET LEADERSHIP TO DRV. NO TEXT OF MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED. SIGNED COMMENTARY IN KRASNAYA ZVEZDA (YEFREMOV) IN DOWNBEAT ANALYSIS OF WORLD SITUATION SAYS NOT ONLY ARE OLD SOURCES OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION STILL PRESENT BUT NEW ONES ARE BEING FORMED. YEFREMOV ADMITS THAT "SERIOUS SUCCESSES" HAVE NEVERTHELESS BEEN ACHIEVED BY DETENTE POLICY. MUCH OF YEFREMOV'S RANCOR IS AIMED AT PEKING, WHOM HE ACCUSES INTER ALIA OF "OPENLY SUPPORTING COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY FORCES IN PORTUGAL."

4. EUROPEAN COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REPORTS THAT CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY KIRILENKO ON AUGUST 28 RECEIVED ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN LONGO. MEETING SITE IS NOT REVEALED.
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